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For: COMMAND INPUT CIRCUIT HAVING COMMAND ACQUISITION UNITS  
WHICH ACQUIRE A SERIES OF COMMANDS IN SYNCHRONIZATION WITH  
RESPECTIVE EDGES OF CLOCK SIGNAL

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